

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4907–S4997

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 932–950, S.J. Res. 14, S. Res. 121–124, and S. Con. Res. 22.

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Measures Passed:

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction: Senate passed S. 615, to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. **Page S4995**

National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 104, supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4995**

2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 93, supporting the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States, and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4995**

Schumer Amendment No. 1029, to amend the resolving clause. **Page S4995**

Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans: Senate agreed to S. Res. 122, designating April 30, 2009, as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans". **Pages S4995–96**

Vietnamese Refugees Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, expressing support for designation of May 2, 2009, as "Vietnamese Refugees Day". **Page S4996**

World Press Freedom Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 124, recognizing the threats to press freedom and expression around the world and reaffirming press freedom as a priority in the efforts of the United States to promote democracy and good gov-

ernance, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2009. **Pages S4996–97**

Measures Considered:

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act: Senate began consideration of S. 896, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4915–38, S4943–53**

Withdrawn:

By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 174), Durbin Amendment No. 1014, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and preserve home values. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S4915–38**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1018, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4938, S4943–53**

Corker Amendment No. 1019 (to Amendment No. 1018), to address safe harbor for certain servicers. **Pages S4944–46**

Vitter Amendment No. 1016 (to Amendment No. 1018), to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program. **Pages S4946–47**

Vitter Amendment No. 1017 (to Amendment No. 1018), to provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration. **Pages S4947–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 2009. **Page S4997**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 89 yeas 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 175), Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife. **Pages S4938–43, S4997**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

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Messages from the House:

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